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Whereas, Kokomo was originally part of a tract of land known as the Big Miami Reserve and given to the Miami Indians in a treaty signed in 1818;

Whereas, In the years following the signing of this treaty, the Miami Indians sold most of this land to the state of Indiana and began moving west to the Kansas Territory;

Whereas, During that time, a Miami chief named Jean Baptiste de Richardville was awarded seven sections of land in Indiana in what is now Howard County;

Whereas, After de Richardville's death in 1841, his son-in-law, Francis Lafountain, took over as chief and sold some of the land along Wildcat Creek to Allen Hamilton;

Whereas, This land along Wildcat Creek, which Hamilton later sold to David Foster for a sum of \$4,000, became the city of Kokomo;

Whereas, Foster constructed a log cabin to serve as a trading post and a family home, naming the land Ko-Ko-Mo after a Miami Indian named Ma-Ko-Ko-Mo;

Whereas, Foster's original cabin became the first church and school in the community;

Whereas, Kokomo's future changed dramatically with the



discovery of a huge natural gas well by the Kokomo Natural Gas & Oil Co. in 1886, attracting several factories and businesses and increasing employment and commerce in Howard County;

Whereas, The increased commerce caused close to 250 new houses to be built in Kokomo;

Whereas, Unfortunately, excessive use and waste of the gas took its toll, and by the end of the 1890's, the gas was almost gone;

Whereas, During these years, Elwood Haynes came to Kokomo;

Whereas, Haynes invented such things as the first successful "Horseless Carriage", Stellite alloy, and stainless steel and put Howard County on the map, and is the major reason Kokomo is called the "City of Firsts";

Whereas, Through the years, Kokomo has continued to grow and develop into a world-class city offering its residents many cultural, educational, and economic opportunities;

Whereas, Kokomo was recently named the number one city in the United States for European manufacturing investments by Expansion Management Magazine, Industry Week ranked Kokomo first in the United States and eighth worldwide as a Manufacturing Metropolitan Area, and Entrepreneur magazine and the National Policy Research Council named Kokomo as one of the nation's hottest places for entrepreneurs, ranking it 97th in the rapid growth category and 105th overall in the small cities division; and

Whereas, The residents of Kokomo should be extremely proud of their city, which sets an example for cities throughout the United States to emulate: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates the
2 residents of Kokomo on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the
3 city's founding.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Mayor Matt
6 McKillip.

